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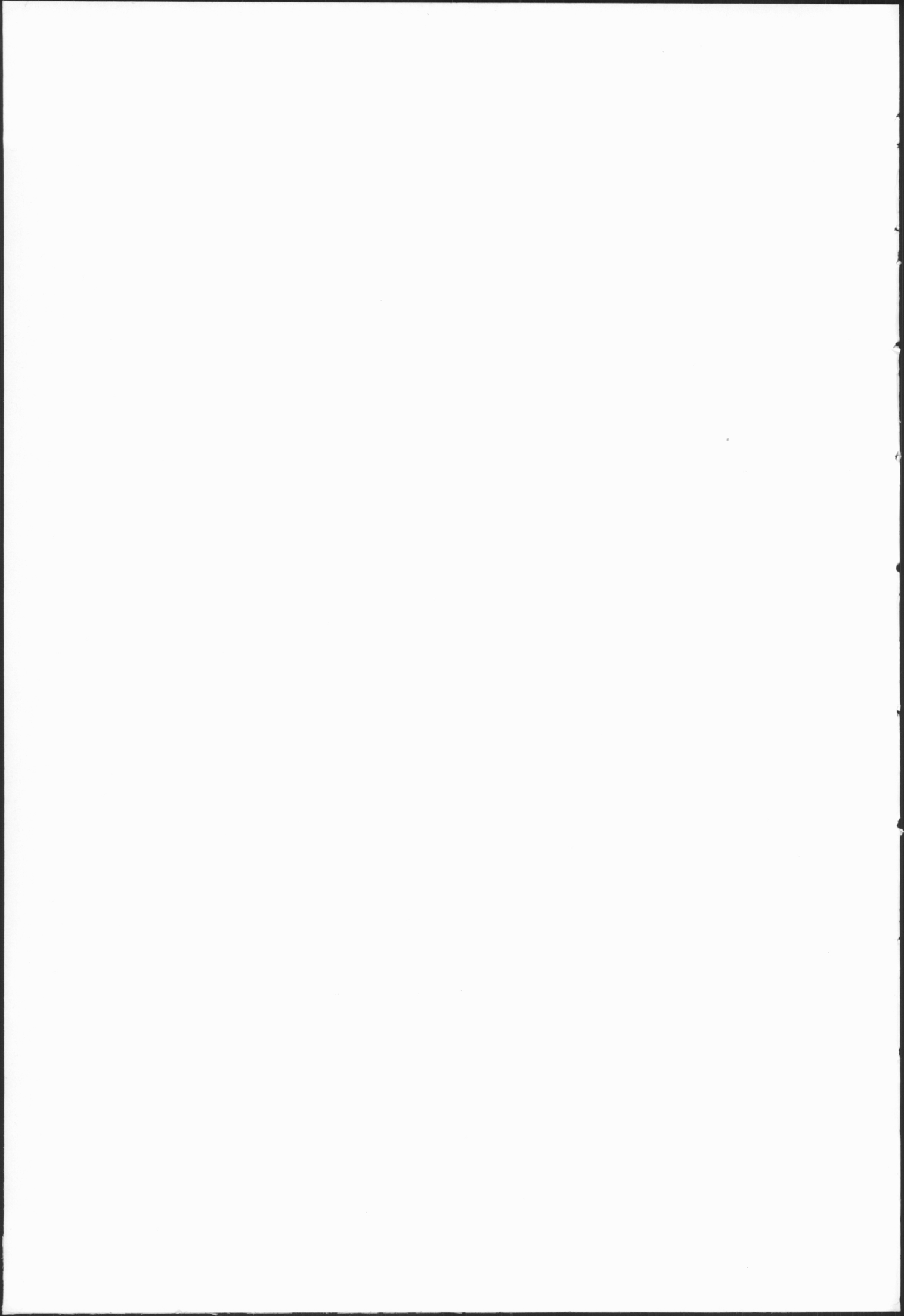
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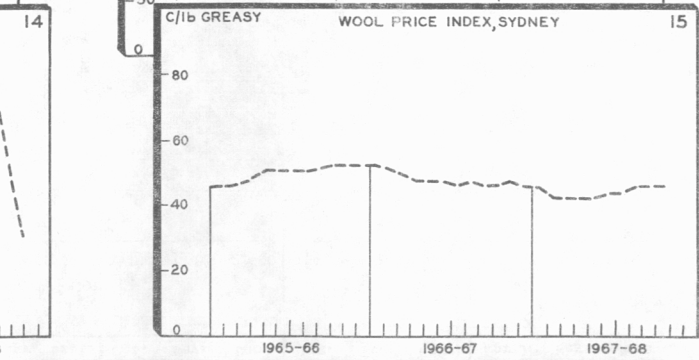
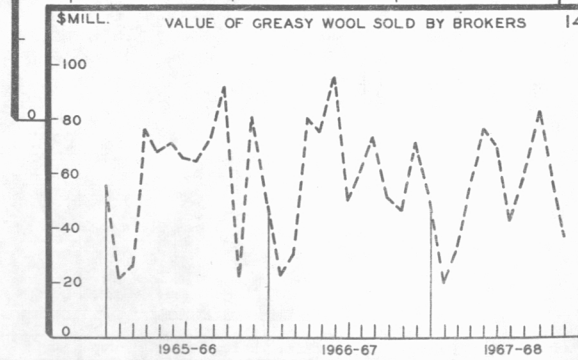
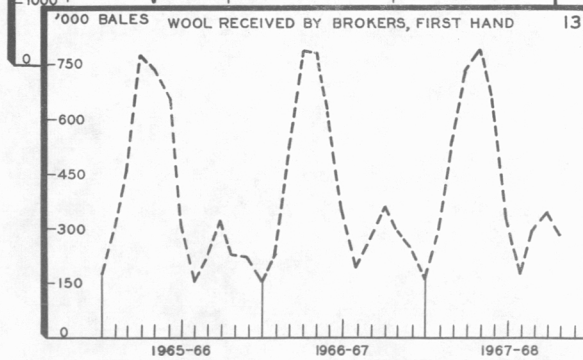
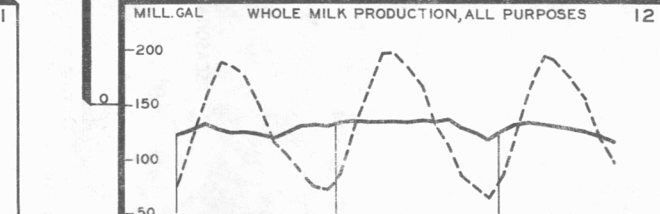
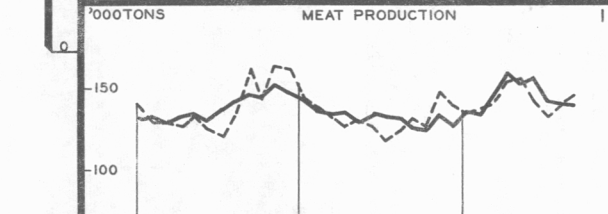
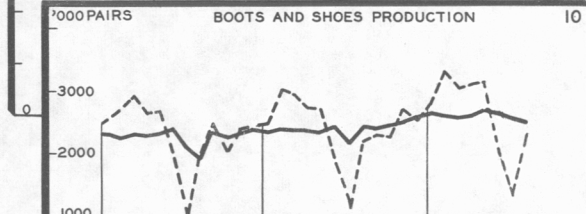
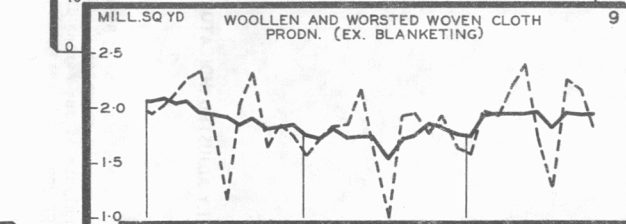
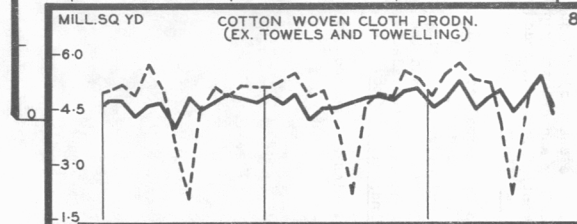
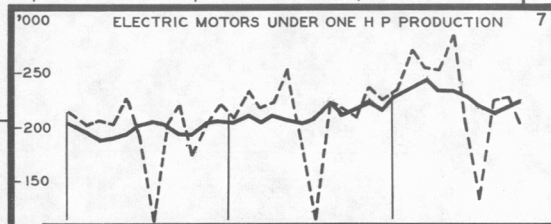
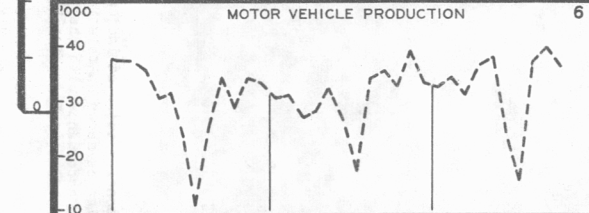
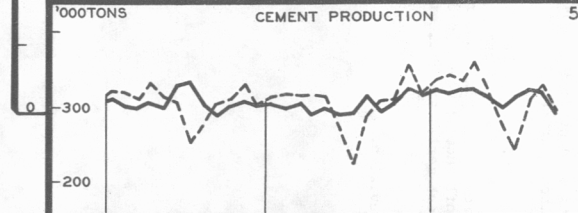
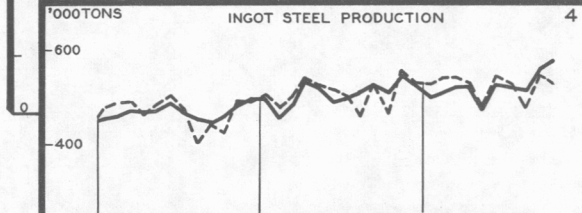
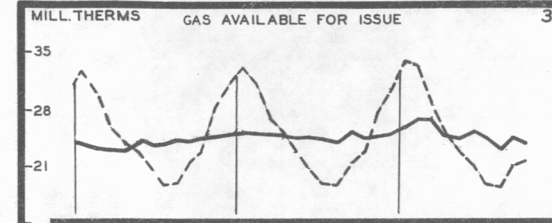
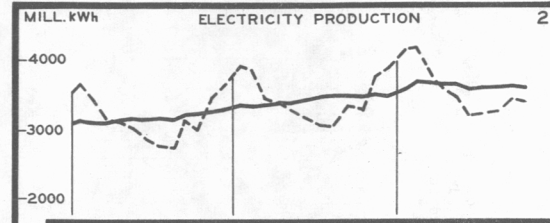
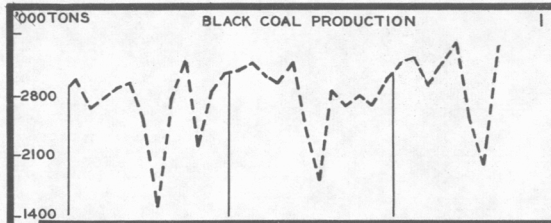
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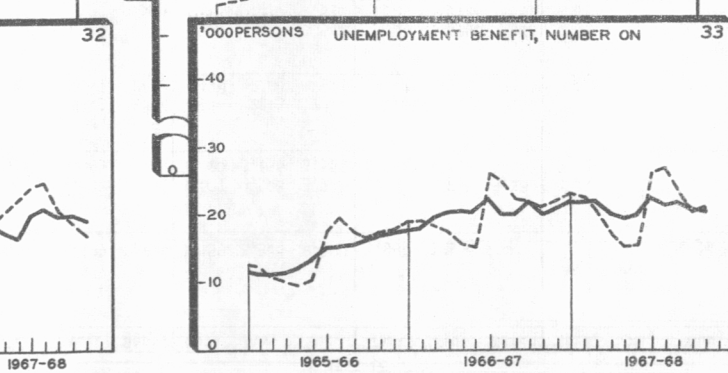
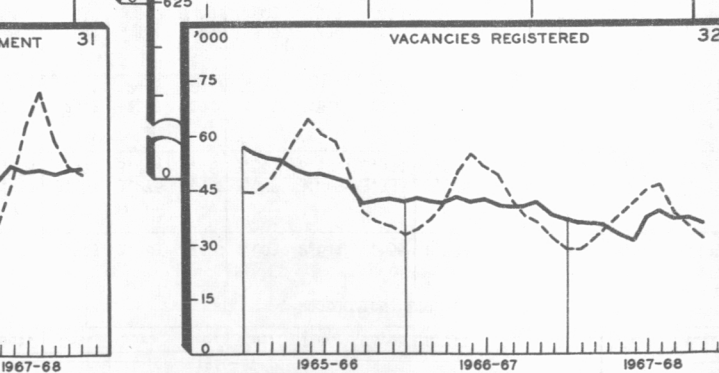
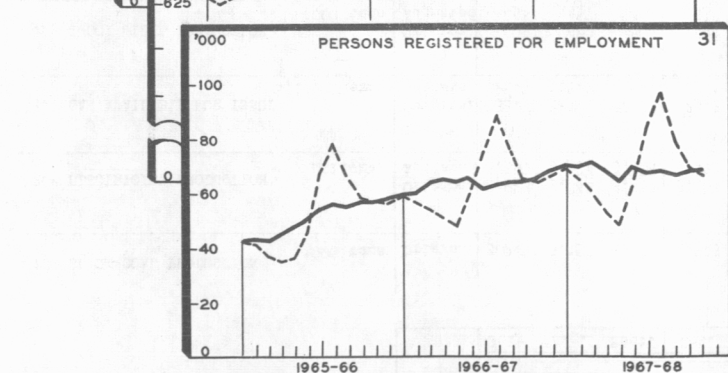
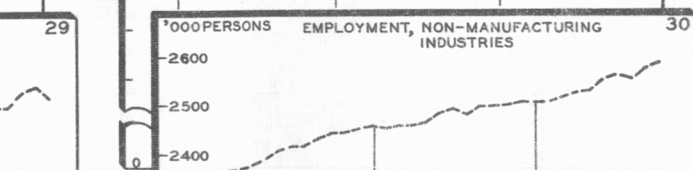
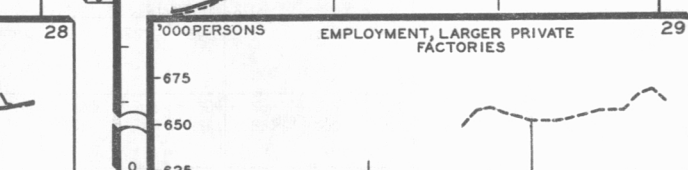
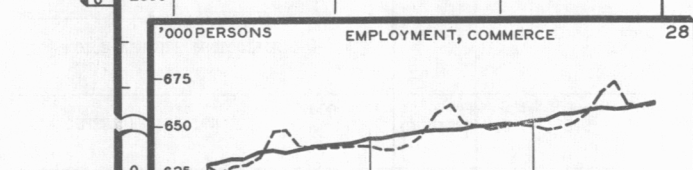
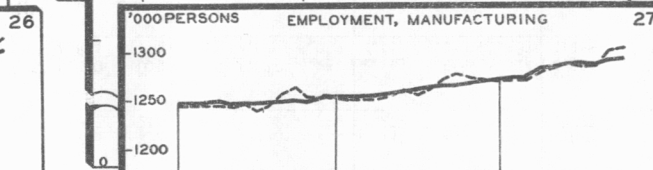
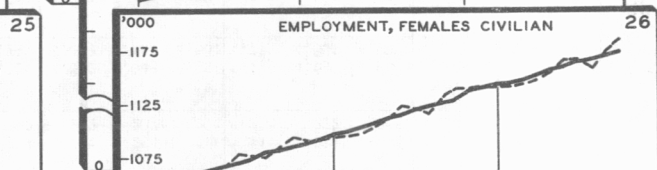
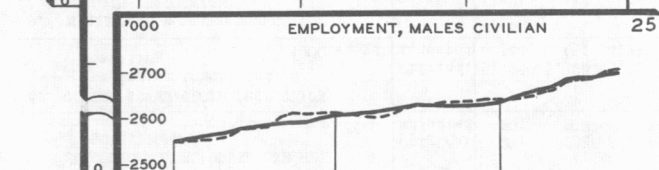
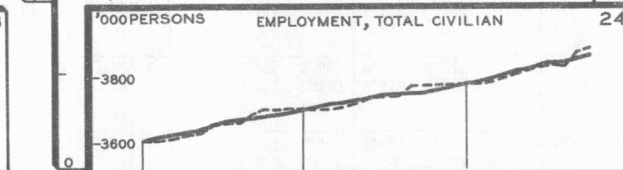
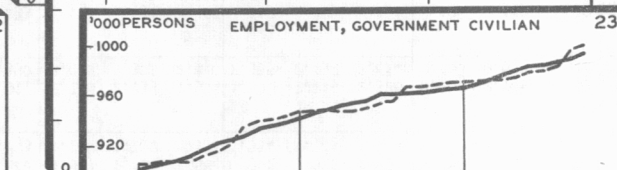
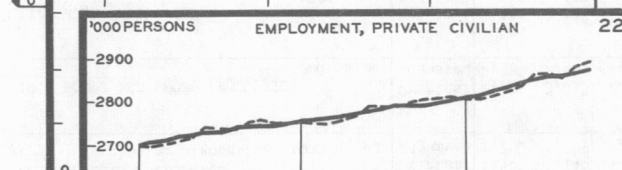
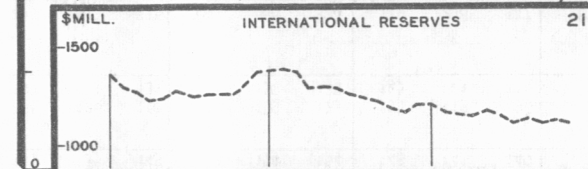
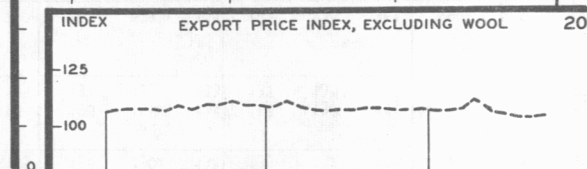
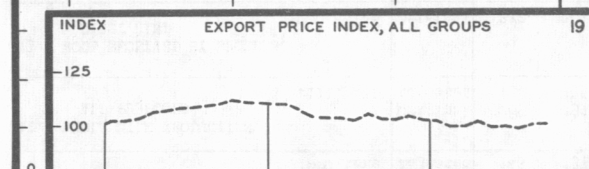
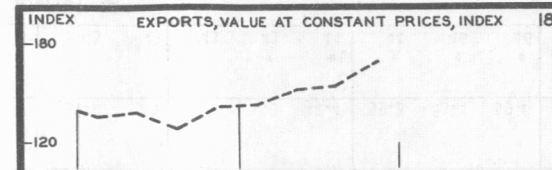
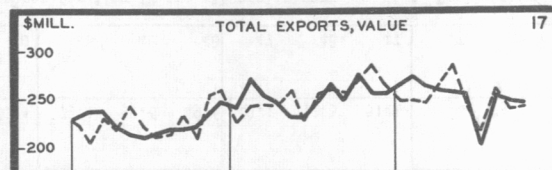
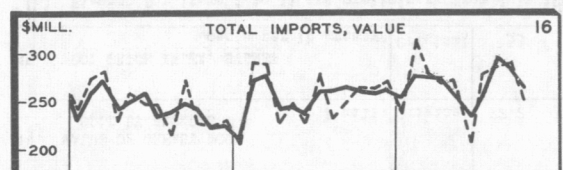


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		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
PRODUCTION, ETC. (a)																									
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	3,065	3,152	3,008	2,923	3,163	2,490	1,803	2,841	2,655	2,799	3,422	2,953	3,159	3,199	2,900	3,159	3,388	2,500	1,990	3,366			
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill.kWh	Original Adjusted	3,923 3,397	3,848 3,374	3,453 3,388	3,387 3,424	3,276 3,410	3,162 3,460	3,077 3,501	3,065 3,520	3,335 3,511	3,306 3,509	3,793 3,536	3,879 3,530	4,175 3,587	4,202 3,693	3,755 3,704	3,607 3,620	3,508 3,656	3,202 3,557	3,233 3,619	3,279 3,632	3,482 3,667	3,432 3,632	
3. GAS AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	mill. therms	Original Adjusted	33.0 25.0	31.5 25.2	26.7 25.1	25.2 25.1	22.5 24.9	20.8 24.7	18.7 24.7	18.4 24.5	21.5 25.2	22.5 24.6	27.8 24.8	30.4 24.9	34.0 25.6	33.3 26.7	28.4 26.7	25.0 24.8	22.3 24.8	21.2 25.3	18.8 24.7	18.3 23.5	21.2 24.6	21.9 24.1	
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	509 494	480 457	504 484	541 538	524 522	516 495	508 503	456 513	523 524	462 511	553 545	530 528	526 507	540 513	541 524	530 525	477 470	544 530	527 522	479 516	548 556	530 577	
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	314 301	319 299	315 304	316 290	313 302	267 294	221 294	290 312	307 298	309 307	353 323	315 315	336 322	341 321	333 321	354 324	324 313	277 307	240 317	312 324	329 323	296 291	
6. MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION	'000	Original	30.5	31.1	26.8	28.1	32.6	26.5	17.1	34.5	35.9	32.8	39.1	33.4	32.8	34.8	31.1	36.8	38.1	24.3	15.6	37.2	40.0	36.6	
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE HP, PRODUCTION	'000	Original Adjusted	207 201	233 208	217 202	221 212	254 207	186 204	111 208	222 222	216 215	210 219	237 226	227 220	235 231	273 237	253 245	251 234	287 234	202 229	131 222	224 213	227 221	203 227	
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding towels and towelling)	'000 sq yd	Original Adjusted	5,125 4,944	5,326 4,651	5,526 4,791	4,842 4,429	5,043 4,628	3,927 4,581	2,119 4,773	4,630 4,881	4,968 4,907	4,839 4,790	5,590 4,961	5,375 5,051	4,816 4,595	5,530 4,854	5,809 5,113	5,310 4,703	5,227 4,895	4,232 5,059	2,163 4,487	4,915 5,022	5,414 5,387	4,594 4,465	
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding blanketing)	'000 sq yd	Original Adjusted	1,581 1,760	1,748 1,709	1,844 1,803	1,867 1,700	2,186 1,752	1,584 1,751	992 1,554	1,922 1,741	1,977 1,757	1,787 1,883	1,943 1,811	1,620 1,805	1,596 1,787	1,989 1,935	1,916 1,912	2,243 1,954	2,402 1,964	1,729 1,965	1,285 1,851	2,244 1,967	2,170 1,944	1,834 1,957	
10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	Original Adjusted	2,499 2,330	3,038 2,401	2,917 2,390	2,728 2,380	2,733 2,306	1,904 2,410	1,108 2,355	2,219 2,492	2,328 2,414	2,282 2,468	2,709 2,533	2,543 2,548	2,808 2,624	3,312 2,593	3,027 2,565	3,117 2,617	3,154 2,675	2,040 2,662	1,318 2,554	2,330 2,512			
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	144 143	138 137	133 135	128 136	131 130	127 134	119 133	125 132	131 126	128 127	149 131	139 128	135 137	137 135	141 149	154 159	156 154	142 154	132 143	141 141	145 140		
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gal	Original Adjusted	89 134	131 135	165 135	198 135	198 135	184 133	168 137	130 136	116 137	85 130	73 126	65 120	86 130	126 131	160 131	194 130	189 130	173 127	155 125	119 121	96 116		
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND	'000 bales	Original	232	503	790	782	627	348	193	278	361	299	240	160	283	543	736	790	668	324	179	298	347	287	
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS	\$ mill.	Original	22.2	30.7	80.1	75.1	95.6	49.6	60.1	73.3	51.1	46.6	71.3	52.3	19.8	32.2	55.2	76.1	70.3	42.4	59.3	83.4	59.0	37.4	
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY cents per lb greasy		Original	53	52	50	48	48	48	47	48	47	47	48	47	46	43	43	43	*	*	*	*	*	*	

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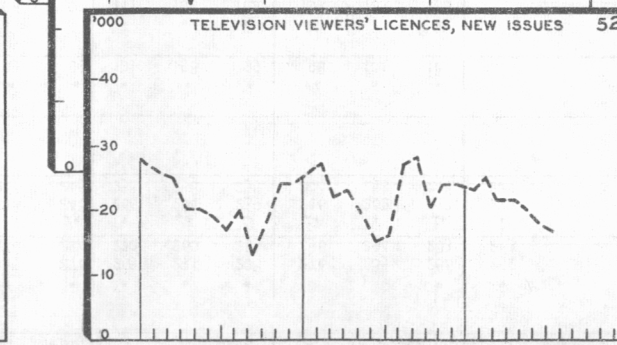
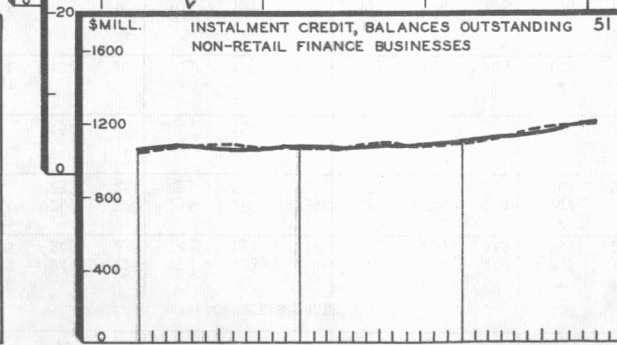
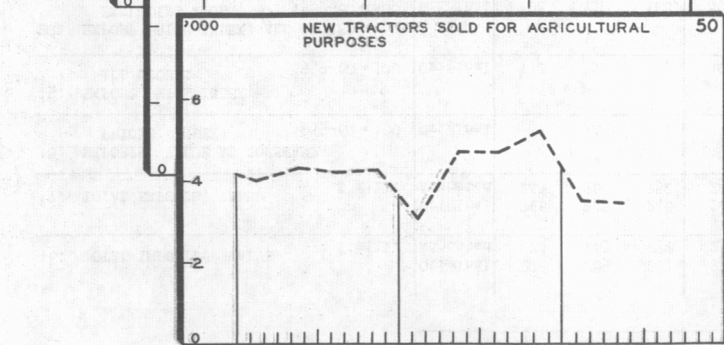
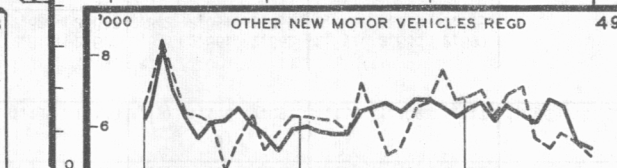
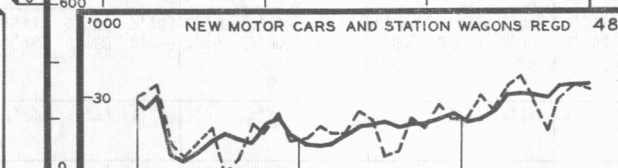
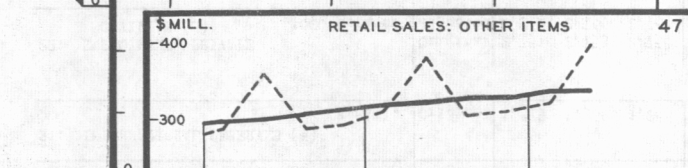
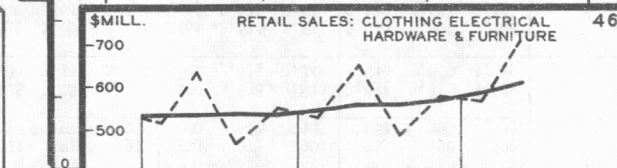
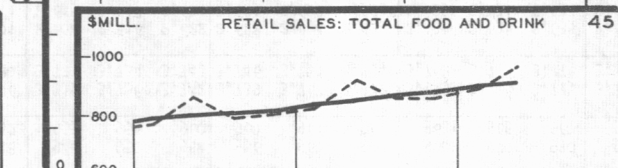
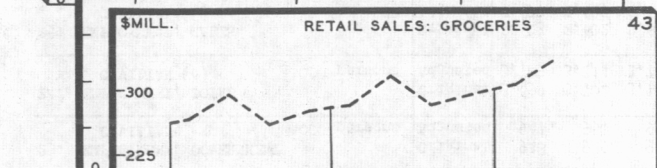
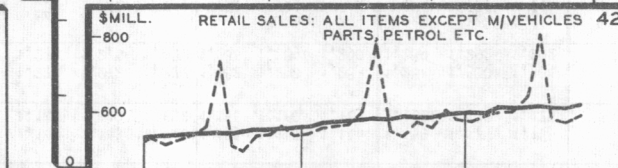
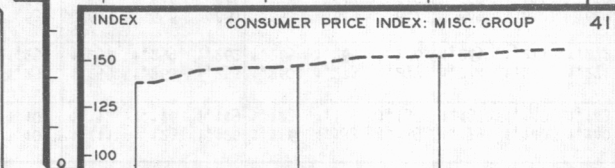
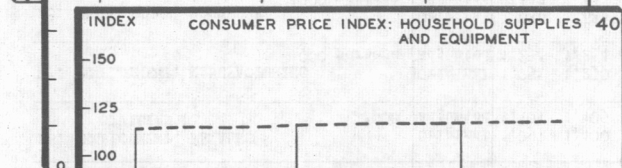
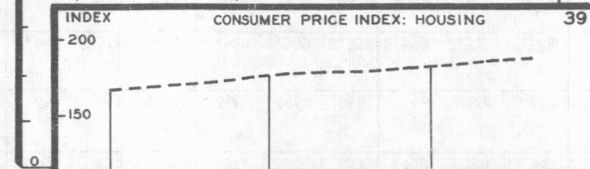
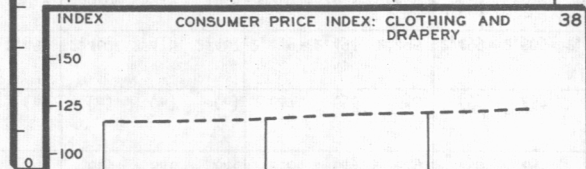
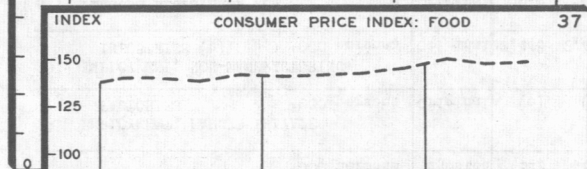
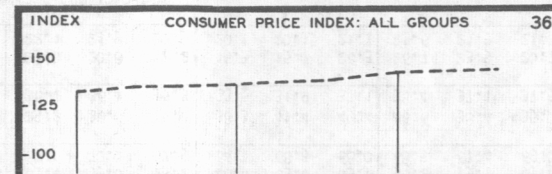
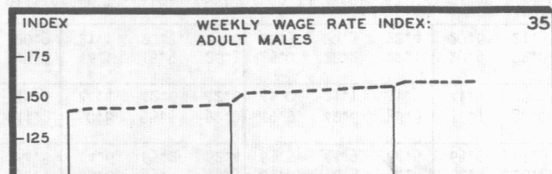
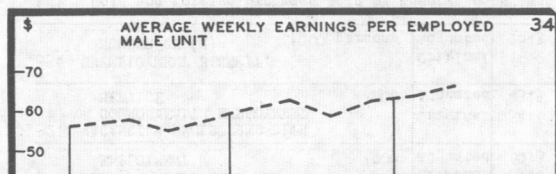
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OVERSEAS TRADE																										
16. TOTAL IMPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	206	289	287	228	249	226	279	233	250	265	264	269	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
		Adjusted	224	263	272	238	245	238	263	257	262	263	259	262	236	315	276	274	265	271	208	276	285	286	252	
17. TOTAL EXPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	226	245	246	244	259	228	256	260	239	270	285	264	*	*	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	
		Adjusted	243	266	252	248	233	231	253	265	251	275	255	256	247	248	248	239	266	284	239	216	262	237	242	
18. EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, INDEX 1959-60 = 100	Original		143			151			154			169														
		Adjusted																								
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS 1959-60 = 100	Original		110	110	107	104	104	104	103	105	103	103	104	103	102	99	99	101	98	99	98	101	101			
		Adjusted																								
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL 1959-60 = 100	Original		108	110	108	106	105	106	106	107	107	106	106	106	106	106	107	111	105	104	103	103	104			
		Adjusted																								
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a) \$ mill.	Original		1,379	1,359	1,286	1,290	1,277	1,248	1,236	1,215	1,175	1,158	1,197	1,198	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,170	1,146	1,092	1,131	1,102	1,117	1,096		
		Adjusted																								
EMPLOYMENT (b)																										
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (c) '000 persons	Original	2,751	2,753	2,758	2,767	2,788	2,788	2,782	2,800	2,805	2,805	2,808	2,806	2,804	2,812	2,822	2,836	2,861	2,862	2,854	2,880	2,890				
		Adjusted	2,762	2,765	2,768	2,772	2,778	2,783	2,788	2,790	2,791	2,799	2,805	2,809	2,815	2,824	2,832	2,842	2,851	2,858	2,860	2,869	2,875			
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN '000 persons	Original	948	949	948	948	950	954	956	967	967	968	970	970	971	972	972	973	977	980	983	996	999				
		Adjusted	947	950	952	955	956	960	960	961	962	963	965	967	970	972	976	980	983	985	987	990	993			
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (c) '000 persons	Original	3,699	3,702	3,706	3,715	3,738	3,742	3,739	3,767	3,772	3,773	3,778	3,775	3,775	3,783	3,794	3,809	3,838	3,842	3,837	3,876	3,889				
		Adjusted	3,709	3,714	3,720	3,727	3,734	3,743	3,746	3,751	3,754	3,762	3,771	3,776	3,785	3,796	3,808	3,822	3,833	3,842	3,845	3,860	3,869			
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (c) '000	Original	2,603	2,602	2,601	2,604	2,616	2,622	2,622	2,634	2,633	2,633	2,638	2,635	2,635	2,640	2,646	2,654	2,671	2,676	2,678	2,699	2,704				
		Adjusted	2,607	2,609	2,611	2,615	2,618	2,624	2,623	2,622	2,623	2,625	2,631	2,634	2,640	2,647	2,656	2,665	2,673	2,678	2,679	2,687	2,693			
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (c) '000	Original	1,097	1,100	1,105	1,111	1,123	1,120	1,116	1,133	1,139	1,139	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,143	1,148	1,155	1,167	1,166	1,159	1,177	1,185				
		Adjusted	1,101	1,105	1,108	1,112	1,116	1,119	1,123	1,129	1,130	1,137	1,140	1,143	1,145	1,149	1,152	1,156	1,160	1,165	1,166	1,172	1,175			
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING '000 persons	Original	1,251	1,250	1,250	1,255	1,260	1,255	1,260	1,273	1,277	1,274	1,273	1,271	1,271	1,272	1,277	1,282	1,290	1,283	1,284	1,300	1,304				
		Adjusted	1,254	1,254	1,254	1,257	1,259	1,262	1,265	1,265	1,266	1,269	1,271	1,272	1,274	1,276	1,282	1,286	1,289	1,290	1,289	1,292	1,292			
28. EMPLOYMENT, COMMERCE '000 persons	Original	636	636	639	643	656	660	650	649	647	649	650	649	647	649	651	651	668	673	661	660	661				
		Adjusted	642	643	644	645	646	646	648	649	649	650	651	652	653	656	656	657	658	659	659	661	662			
29. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES '000 persons	Original	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	647	656	658	655	653	651	651	651	652	654	656	656	656	664	668	661			
		Adjusted																								
30. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (c) '000 persons	Original	2,448	2,452	2,456	2,460	2,478	2,487	2,479	2,494	2,495	2,499	2,505	2,504	2,504	2,511	2,517	2,526	2,549	2,558	2,553	2,575	2,585				
		Adjusted																								
31. PERSONS REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT '000	Original	56.8	54.3	50.9	48.6	59.9	76.5	89.0	76.3	64.9	64.0	66.2	68.5	65.4	59.8	53.2	48.6	63.0	83.6	96.2	79.1	69.4	67.0			
		Adjusted	60.3	63.4	64.8	64.6	65.2	62.4	63.5	64.9	64.5	65.5	67.9	69.4	69.6	70.0	67.9	64.7	68.5	68.0	68.5	67.4	69.0	68.7		
32. VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE '000	Original	34.6	37.4	41.2	50.8	55.5	52.0	49.9	42.6	38.8	36.7	32.0	29.3	29.2	32.0	35.0	38.3	41.4	45.4	46.6	38.4	35.0	31.5			
		Adjusted	43.5	42.6	41.6	44.4	42.6	42.6	41.0	41.1	41.5	41.9	38.6	37.7	36.7	36.4	35.3	33.5	31.9	37.1	38.4	37.1	37.5	35.9		
33. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (d) '000 persons	Original	19.2	18.6	17.6	16.1	15.9	26.3	25.0	22.2	22.1	20.9	22.0	23.4	23.0	20.8	17.2	15.3	15.7	26.3	26.7	23.9	20.7	21.1			
		Adjusted	18.3	19.5	20.9	21.1	20.7	21.8	20.3	20.3	22.4	20.6	21.3	21.9	22.1	21.9	20.5	20.1	20.1	21.7	21.6	21.9	21.0	20.7		

(a) "Gold and Foreign Exchange held by Reserve Bank" was \$1,009 million on 14.2.68, \$996 m. on 13.3.68, \$1,020 m. on 10.4.68, \$1,025 m. on 15.5.68.

(b) Figures in items 22-30 refer only to employed wage and salary earners. Except for those in item 29, the figures are subject to revision. (c) Excludes employees in rural industry and in private domestic service. (d) Last Saturday of month. (e) Comparable statistics not available. * Preliminary. / Revised. Ø Reserves fell by \$24.8 m. between the last Wednesdays in October and November. This fall includes a loss of approx. \$113 m. resulting from the devaluation of United Kingdom and New Zealand currencies.

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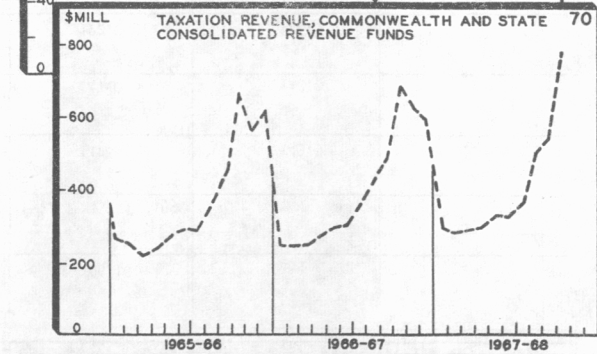
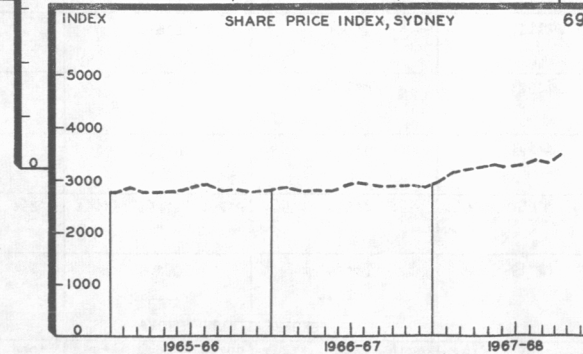
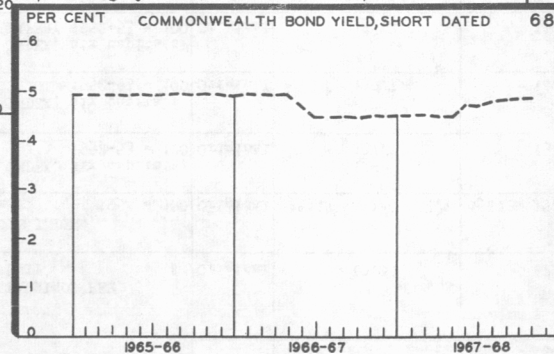
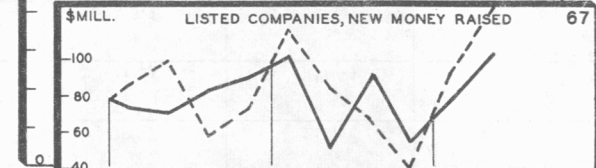
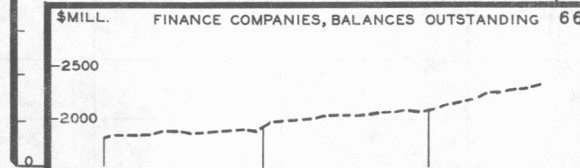
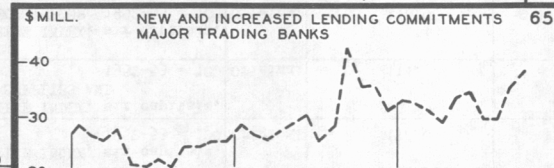
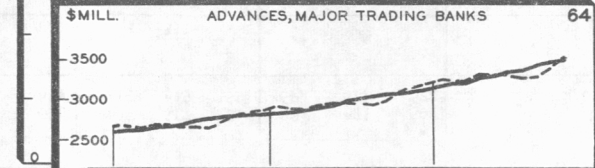
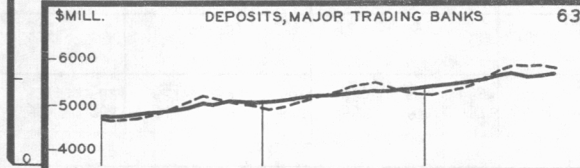
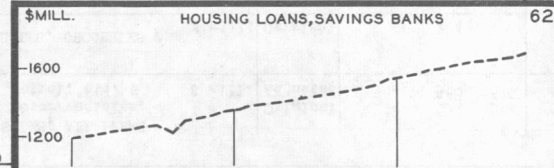
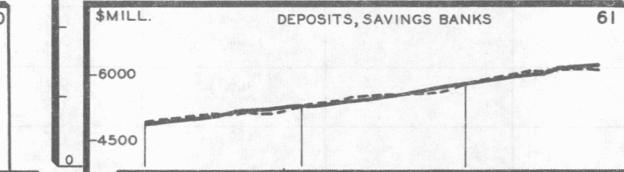
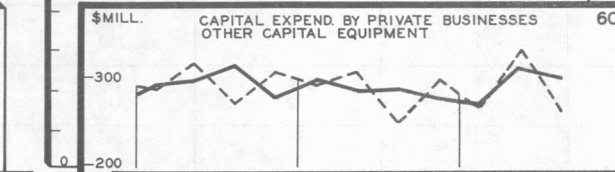
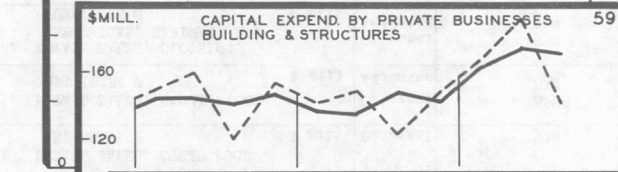
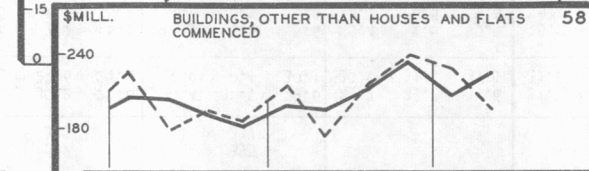
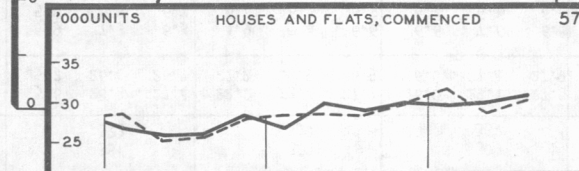
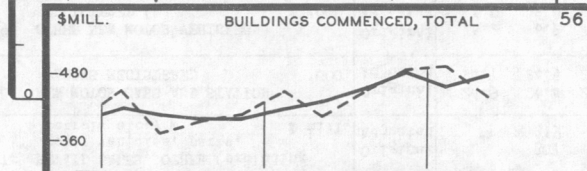
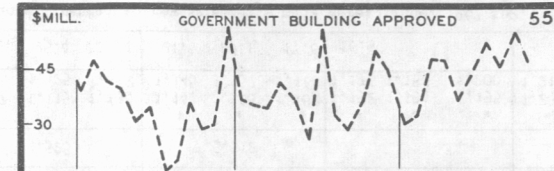
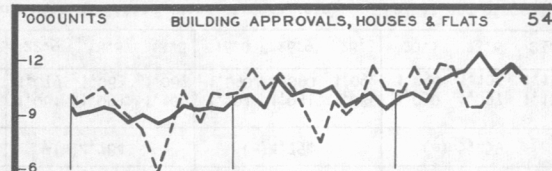
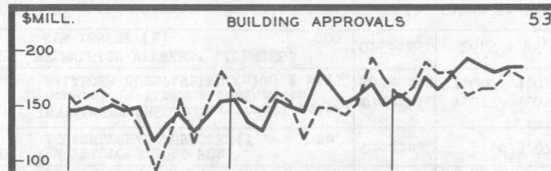
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WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																											
34.	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	\$	Original	60.00			62.30			58.30			62.40			63.40			66.10								
35.	WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX, ADULT MALES (a)	1954 = 100	Original	151.7	151.9	152.1	152.2	152.3	152.4	154.3	154.5	154.8	155.1	155.2	155.3	158.9	159.0	159.0	159.1	159.1	159.1						
36.	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS	1952-53 = 100	Original	137.1			138.4			138.9			140.6			142.5			142.9			143.5					
37.	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD	1952-53 = 100	Original	139.7			140.7			141.6			144.2			148.3			147.0			148.0					
38.	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, CLOTHING AND DRAPERY	1952-53 = 100	Original	118.2			119.3			119.7			120.8			121.2			122.0			122.3					
39.	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING	1952-53 = 100	Original	176.6			178.4			179.5			182.5			184.4			186.7			187.6					
40.	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	1952-53 = 100	Original	114.7			115.1			115.0			115.6			115.8			116.3			116.4					
41.	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP	1952-53 = 100	Original	146.9			148.9			149.3			150.4			151.5			153.1			153.5					
INTERNAL TRADE																											
42.	RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. ϕ	\$ mill.	Original	540	554	562	565	599	784	543	530	574	558	607	576	572	595	602	605	647	813	*	*	*			
			Adjusted	562	568	570	575	577	582	587	593	587	589	595	598	606	606	614	616	619	618	615	614	622			
43.	RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES ϕ	\$ mill.	Original	284			313			281			291			305			333								
44.	RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK ϕ	\$ mill.	Original	536			598			569			558			571			631								
45.	RETAIL SALES, TOTAL FOOD AND DRINK ϕ	\$ mill.	Original	819			911			850			849			876			963								
			Adjusted	834			851			866			876			895			906								
46.	RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE ϕ	\$ mill.	Original	530			657			490			582			572			705								
			Adjusted	548			564			567			578			593			609								
47.	RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) ϕ	\$ mill.	Original	307			381			307			309			322			395								
			Adjusted	319			323			330			332			337			337								
48.	NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	Original	24.9	26.4	25.7	25.6	28.3	27.4	22.2	23.4	27.7	26.0	29.1	27.5	27.3	30.2	28.6	31.4	32.5	29.6	25.7	29.7	31.6	31.0		
			Adjusted	24.7	24.5	24.7	25.2	26.4	26.7	27.2	25.9	26.9	26.8	27.4	27.9	27.3	27.6	28.6	30.0	30.4	30.1	30.1	31.4	31.5	31.6	31.6	
49.	OTHER NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (b)	'000	Original	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.9	7.3	6.3	4.9	5.4	6.6	6.6	7.6	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.3	6.9	7.1	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.2		
			Adjusted	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.5	6.7	6.4	6.3	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.5	5.6	5.4	5.4	
50.	NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES (f)	No.	Original	(e) 3,074			4,784			(e) 4,754			(e) 5,259			3,528			3,512								
51.	INSTALLMENT CREDIT for retail sales, non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (c)(e) \$ mill.		Original	1,072	1,072	1,075	1,081	1,093	1,104	1,104	1,091	1,086	1,090	1,097	1,102	1,107	1,119	1,130	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
			Adjusted	1,082	1,078	1,077	1,079	1,083	1,087	1,090	1,090	1,092	1,098	1,104	1,112	1,116	1,125	1,132	1,147	1,168	1,182	1,192	1,189	1,195	1,204		
																			1,145	1,157	1,164	1,176	1,188	1,200	1,211		
52.	TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES (d)	'000	Original	26.5	26.8	22.4	22.9	18.8	14.8	16.0	26.9	28.3	20.1	23.6	23.7	23.3	25.4	21.4	21.5	20.1	17.6	16.5					

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Other new vehicles includes utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (c) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: June, 1967 \$62.3 m.; July \$60.1 m.; Aug. \$68.9 m.; Sept. \$64.5 m.; Oct. \$73.0 m.; Nov. \$76.7 m.; Dec. \$68.5 m.; Jan. 1967 \$65.7 m.; Feb., \$67.1 m.; March, \$69.0 m.

(d) Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. (e) See also No. 88. ϕ Items 42-7 exclude Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (f) Excludes wheel tractors of 15 horsepower or less. * Preliminary. / Revised.

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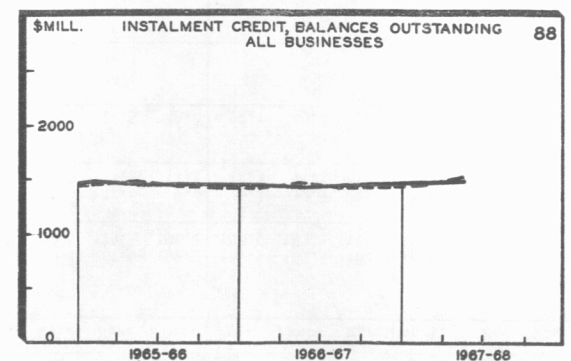
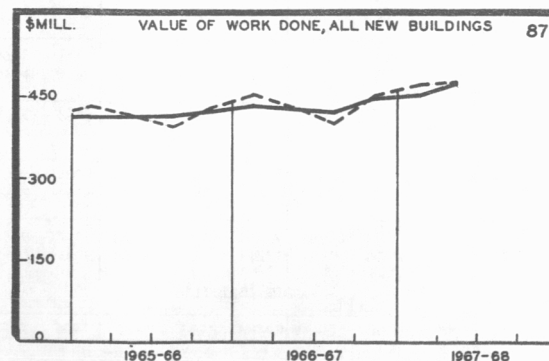
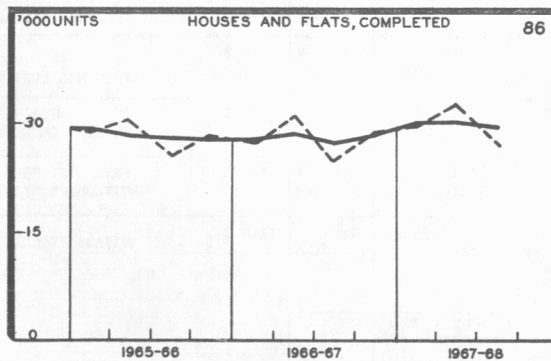
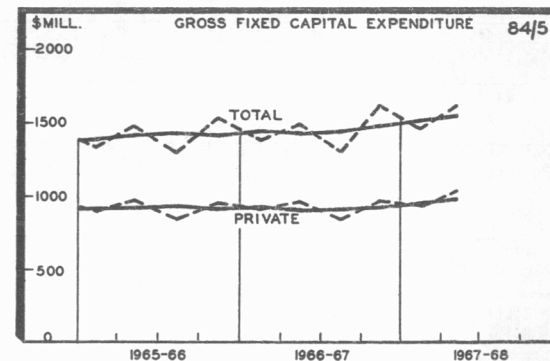
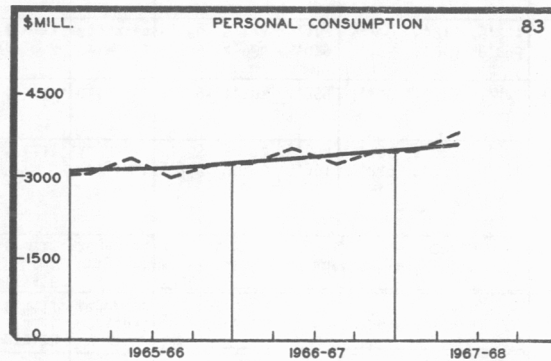
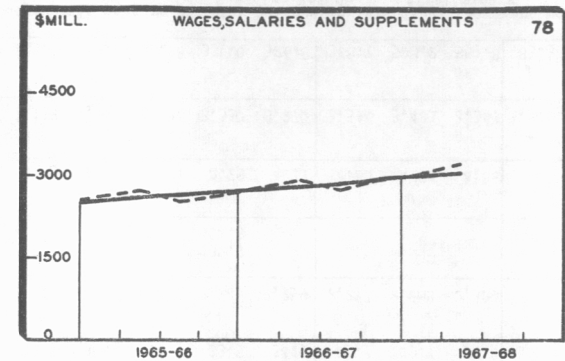
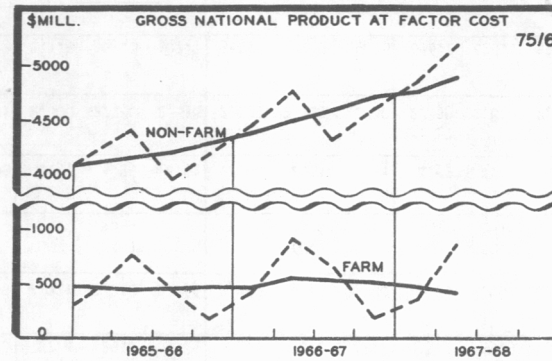
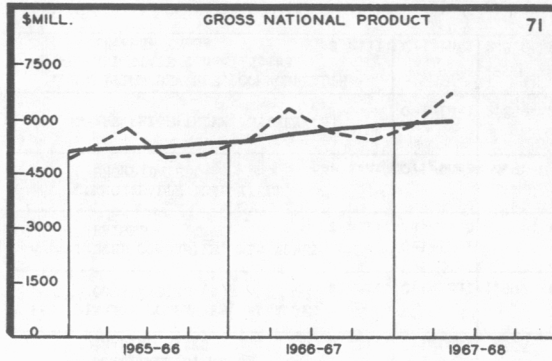
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BUILDING, ETC.																										
53. BUILDING APPROVALS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	157.2 161.9	152.6 139.5	144.5 125.2	162.9 160.5	155.0 152.6	119.6 141.6	149.8 180.0	147.7 170.4	142.4 151.4	153.6 156.9	195.5 171.2	176.6 152.9	158.3 162.3	168.1 154.8	190.7 173.8	180.4 169.5	181.6 179.6	159.0 196.4	165.1 188.5	165.2 181.0	182.4 185.7	175.0 186.9		
54. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	Original Adjusted	10.3 10.1	11.6 10.2	10.4 9.6	11.3 11.0	10.4 10.0	8.9 10.3	7.4 10.1	9.8 10.7	9.0 9.4	9.8 9.9	11.8 10.2	10.3 9.6	10.2 10.1	11.7 10.2	10.4 10.0	11.8 10.8	11.6 11.2	9.4 11.4	9.4 12.3	10.8 11.3	11.7 11.9	10.7 11.0		
55. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	\$ mill.	Original	36.4	35.0	34.6	41.8	36.4	25.3	57.2	32.6	28.5	36.7	50.7	44.6	29.8	32.5	48.1	47.7	36.5	43.8	52.1	43.0	52.4	46.4		
56. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL (d)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		447.6 418.5			401.1 437.2			447.6 453.7			484.3 471.6			494.2 462.2			438.5 478.1							
57. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED (e)	'000 units	Original Adjusted		28.5 26.7			28.7 30.1			28.3 29.0			29.6 29.6			31.5 29.5			28.6 30.0			30.2 30.9				
58. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		214.4 198.5			168.9 195.8			216.7 213.4			237.0 227.6			226.7 209.6			193.9 225.0							
59. NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	141.3 (293.6 anticipated) 137.6						148.4 134.6						122.0 (285.0 anticipated) 147.9						148.8 142.4					
60. NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	291.1 (539.2 anticipated) 296.7						303.1 280.9						245.8 (527.5 anticipated) 282.3						296.7 278.1					
FINANCE																										
61. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,308 5,285	5,356 5,324	5,391 5,354	5,449 5,392	5,474 5,433	5,471 5,461	5,512 5,506	5,544 5,549	5,551 5,593	5,558 5,642	5,623 5,709	5,765 5,756	5,821 5,805	5,890 5,853	5,952 5,903	6,001 5,949	6,031 5,984	6,021 6,003	6,046 6,049	6,071 6,075	6,068 6,104	6,043 6,142		
62. HOUSING LOANS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	1,369	1,385	1,399	1,409	1,423	1,444	1,448	1,458	1,477	1,488	1,504	1,549	1,559	1,574	1,590	1,602	1,617	1,637	1,643	1,658	1,675	1,690		
63. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,939 5,088	4,984 5,133	5,029 5,163	5,125 5,200	5,218 5,213	5,298 5,221	5,383 5,262	5,489 5,300	5,516 5,324	5,373 5,301	5,310 5,352	5,265 5,357	5,259 5,421	5,298 5,456	5,342 5,484	5,447 5,526	5,593 5,589	5,717 5,633	5,819 5,689	5,816 5,613	5,832 5,627	5,759 5,686		
64. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,901 2,823	2,866 2,830	2,866 2,862	2,915 2,885	2,931 2,920	2,952 2,974	2,934 2,998	2,912 3,024	2,962 3,040	3,086 3,070	3,137 3,098	3,181 3,124	3,244 3,157	3,229 3,190	3,229 3,224	3,311 3,277	3,312 3,302	3,307 3,332	3,267 3,337	3,288 3,413	3,354 3,441	3,504 3,483		
65. NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	28.6	26.8	25.8	27.4	29.0	30.5	25.7	28.4	42.6	35.2	35.9	31.1	33.0	32.6	30.7	28.5	33.5	34.5	29.7	29.7	34.8	38.7		
66. FINANCE COMPANIES, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (b)	\$ mill.	Original	1,992	1,995	2,005	2,021	2,048	2,064	2,062	2,065	2,080	2,078	2,098	2,088	2,107	2,142	2,176	2,192	2,246	2,259	2,277	2,288	2,329			
67. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		115.6 103.8			84.1 53.0			68.0 93.6			42.3 59.5			92.5 81.1			135.9 104.5							
68. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent	Original	4.98	4.97	4.96	4.97	4.75	4.53	4.50	4.51	4.51	4.52	4.51	4.52	4.53	4.53	4.51	4.51	4.75	4.71	4.80	4.84	4.86	4.87		
69. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		Original	2,859	2,838	2,781	2,800	2,780	2,838	2,939	2,907	2,840	2,855	2,860	2,835	2,972	3,132	3,184	3,236	3,330	3,270	3,316	3,423	3,367	3,509		
70. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated revenue funds	\$ mill.	Original	248.9	249.1	252.3	271.5	303.8	307.7	362.0	436.2	490.8	686.2	628.1	597.2	292.9	283.0	287.8	302.8	335.0	326.8	368.7	508.2	551.8	783.3		

(a) See notes, page 14. (b) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. (c) Average, three years ended June 1939 = 1,000. (d) See also No. 87. (e) See also No. 86. *Preliminary. † Revised.

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		1966-67				1967-68			
		Sept Qtr	Dec Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept Qtr	Dec Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS									
71. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,470 5,453	6,285 5,644	5,609 5,771	5,464 5,871	5,844 5,919	6,733 5,979	
72. <u>plus</u> IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	899 877	868 887	951 969	972 959	1,008 983	967 989	
73. <u>less</u> EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	822 860	835 817	883 888	935 910	855 892	915 897	
74. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,547 5,470	6,318 5,714	5,677 5,852	5,501 5,920	5,997 6,010	6,785 6,071	
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST -									
75. FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	431 467	921 557	660 541	194 529	374 494	880 426	
76. NON-FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,477 4,405	4,784 4,510	4,334 4,603	4,635 4,735	4,864 4,799	5,215 4,918	
77. <u>TOTAL</u>	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,908 4,872	5,705 5,067	4,994 5,144	4,829 5,264	5,238 5,293	6,095 5,344	
78. WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,816 2,795	2,967 2,842	2,770 2,888	2,956 2,994	3,032 3,020	3,214 3,087	
79. INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES	\$ mill.	Original	212	677	444	-5	144	623	
80. OTHER PERSONAL INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	1,056	1,211	1,068	1,272	1,141	1,270	
81. <u>less</u> INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties	\$ mill.	Original	463	577	491	491	520	636	
82. PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	3,621	4,278	3,791	3,732	3,797	4,471	
83. PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,248 3,285	3,561 3,339	3,252 3,411	3,443 3,467	3,495 3,538	3,833 3,606	
GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -									
84. PRIVATE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	919 929	970 919	841 920	968 930	944 953	1,040 986	
85. <u>TOTAL</u>	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,396 1,454	1,495 1,438	1,313 1,444	1,624 1,486	1,463 1,522	1,617 1,557	
BUILDING AND FINANCE - ADDITIONAL SERIES									
86. NEW HOUSES AND FLATS COMPLETED	'000	Original Adjusted	27.4 27.5	30.9 28.6	24.7 27.2	28.9 28.5	29.9 30.0	32.6 30.1	* 26.7 29.4
87. VALUE OF WORK DONE, ALL NEW BUILDINGS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	454.3 437.9	434.3 432.3	401.8 422.9	455.0 451.5	471.7 454.6	478.2 475.9	
88. INSTALMENT CREDIT for retail sales, all businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1422.9 1431.3	1466.2 1439.5	1430.7 1436.9	1441.3 1452.8	1458.3 1466.3	1525.6 1498.2	

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